

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, June 14, 1911, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Hotel Chelsea. Atlantic City, N.J. June 14, (1911) Darling Alec:

I don't truly suspect you of being drowned or I couldn't be writing you, still I wish you had telegraphed me. I am getting nervous. I want to see you and am torn in little bits between the various members of my family.

I think Elsie is getting along all right. We were out for two hours this afternoon. It was great fun watching a lot of boys and girls digging in the sand. They had made a reservoir which was filled with water from a steam conduit, and worked hard piling up the sand to make a dam to keep the waters in while they made ditches through which the water was finally to find its way to the sea. Unfortunately bedtime was nearing and six o'clock was called before their ditches were complete so as there was no help for it they suddenly tore down a part of the dam and the water overflowed so rapidly that their ditches, half made as they were, proved insufficient and the banks were torn down and the waters poured perfect cataracts over them flooding the plains. It was really very exciting even to us old onlookers and I know you would have enjoyed it and the way those children worked, some bossing the others and talking, others working steadily, and all so interested and excited.

Much love darling.

Your ever, Mabel.